GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:294
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2001
COST OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of cultivating one hectare of paddy went up from Rs.3311.11 paise in 1981-82 to more than Rs.18,000/- per hectare in 1996-97;

(b) whether the Government have any contingency plan to arrest this phenomenal rise in the larger national interest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.294 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2001.

(a): The cost of cultivation of paddy varies from State to State depending upon factorslike agro-climatic conditions, availability of irrigation and intensity of use of inputs and varieties sown. The cost of cultivation of Paddy per hectare varied from Rs.1606 in Assam to Rs.5474 in Punjab during 1981-82 and Rs.8617 in Assam to Rs.20937 in AndhraPradesh and Rs.17967 in Punjab during 1996-97.

(b)&(c): The higher cost of cultivation on account of intensified use of inputs is compensated to a great extent by rise in the yield levels achieved by the farmers. For instance Per Quintal Cost of Production of Paddy in Assam during 1981-82 was Rs.92,which increased to Rs.401 in 1996-97. Likewise in the case of Punjab, the Cost ofProduction per Quintal of Paddy increased from Rs.102 in 1981-82 to Rs.345 in 1996-97. To increase the production and productivity of paddy, the `Integrated Cereal Development Programme −Rice` was launched, which has now been subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Scheme implementation with the view to provide greater flexibility to the States to adopt the components suited to their agro climatic conditions, which may be instrumental in realizing better output. Besides, the Government also provides market and price support so as to encourage farmers to increase production of paddy in the country.